

Carlisle Agriculture Commission
April 9th, 2015

Minutes

Present: Peter Mastromarino, chair, John Lee, Steve Carlin, Steve Huberman, Judy Asarkof, Marjorie Johnson, Leslie Thomas, Andrew Rodgers, Olek Lorenc

Meeting opened by Peter Mastromarino at 7:15.
Minutes of previous meeting reviewed and adopted unanimously.

Short review of 'piggery issues; BOH is working on possible rules/regs/definitions as to what may be permit-able. Ag. Comm. will await their proposal/recommendations then review, respond, receive input from MAFB.

Leslie Thomas read a poem about 'piggery problem-ery' by one of Carlisle's noted poetesses who remained un-named.

Reviewed MAAC priority review and voted to recommend or particular interest in laws affecting agriculture, 'backyard' farm issues, ag and BOH relations and conflict management.

Misc: There will not be a farm tour this summer. Ag Comm will host at least one 'community table' at the farmer's market likely on July 11th and develop hand-outs calling attention to our local farms; Ag Comm will produce a float for Old Home Day with a pig theme (Lee, Huberman and Thomas will form committee); brief discussion re Weebly/Facebook presence as host for our web presence.

Talks: Leslie will contact Jeremy Ogursky for a fall talk on fermentation, and also Kristy Canty for a talk on local-food-based businesses. Peter M. will respond to Gallagher Hannan about a permaculture talk at some future date by Jono Neiger of the Regenerative Design Group.

Judy will contact Town Manager about which members' terms are expiring, and the process for reappointments, replacements and resignations.

Next meeting on May 21st, 2015 to discuss float, membership and piggery continuity.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.